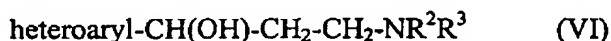


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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 11, line 18, through page 14, line 2, as follows:

The process according to the invention is furthermore suitable, in particular, as step a) in a process for preparing enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (VI),



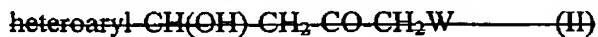
in which

heteroaryl has the same meaning as that given under formula (I), and

$\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  are, in each case independently of each other, hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8\text{-alkyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{14}\text{-aryl}$  or  $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_{15}\text{-arylalkyl}$ , or the two radicals  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  are together  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{12}\text{-alkylene}$ , which is characterized in that

in a step a),

compounds of the formula (I) are converted, as previously described, into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (II)



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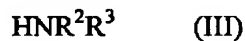
where, in each case,

heteroaryl and W have the meanings mentioned under formula (I), and

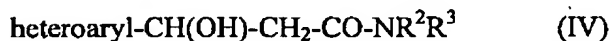
in a step b)

- i) when W is COOR<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl or C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>11</sub>-arylalkyl,

the enantiomer-enriched compounds of formula (II) are reacted with amines of the formula (III)



in which R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> have the meaning mentioned under formula (VI), to give enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV),

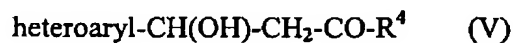


in which heteroaryl, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> have the previously mentioned meanings, or

- ii) when W is  $\text{CON}(\text{R}^1)_2$  and the  $\text{R}^1$  radicals are in each case, independently of each other, hydrogen,  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_8$ -alkyl,  $\text{C}_4$ - $\text{C}_{10}$ -aryl or  $\text{C}_5$ - $\text{C}_{11}$ -arylalkyl, or the two  $\text{R}^1$  radicals are together  $\text{C}_3$ - $\text{C}_5$ -alkylene,

the enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (II) are converted, where appropriate by reacting with amines of the formula (III), into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV), and

- iii) when W is CN, the compounds of the formula (II) are converted directly, by means of aminolysis/hydrolysis, into compounds of the formula (IV), or are initially converted, by means of hydrolysis, partial hydrolysis or mixed alcoholysis/hydrolysis, into compounds of the formula (V)



in which heteroaryl has the meaning given under formula (I)

and  $\text{R}^4$  is  $\text{OR}^1$  or  $\text{NH}_2$ , where  $\text{R}^1$  has the abovementioned meaning, and

are then converted, by amidation in analogy with i) or, where appropriate, in analogy with ii), into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV), and

in a step c),

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the enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV) are converted, by means of reduction, into enantiomer-enriched compounds of the formula (IV) having the abovementioned meaning.

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